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Emergency Communication System Funding Approved

SAN BERNARDINO – The Board of Supervisors approved a \$42,000 allocation on Tuesday to help purchase an emergency communication system that could be a secluded mountain community's only connection to the rest of the County following a major disaster.

The San Antonio Canyon Town Hall approached Board of Supervisors Chairman Paul Biane about purchasing radio equipment that can be used to communicate with Mt. Baldy in the event of a major disaster such as an earthquake or mudslide that could cut off lines of communication with the remote community. Biane represents both Mt. Baldy and San Antonio Heights as the County's Second District Supervisor.

"Mt. Baldy Road is the only one road in and out of Mt. Baldy, and lines of communication to the community could be cut during a large-scale disaster," Biane said. "Having this radio system in place will give residents a means to get information about ongoing relief efforts so they aren't left wondering if help is on the way."

The San Antonio Canyon Town Hall plans to purchase a low-power radio system that can cover a three- to five-mile radius. Agencies such as County Fire, Caltrans, U.S. Forest Service, California Highway Patrol and others would access the system to send the community messages during a disaster. The radio system can run on battery power for four days and can also be run via a generator.

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